



Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry
Atlanta GA 30333

October 26, 2016



Dear 

Thank you for your August 3, 2015, email in which you highlighted your health concerns related to environmental contamination on the former Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco, California. You indicated that you are particularly concerned about the radiological objects that have been found on Treasure Island and their potential impact on the health of people who live there. You requested that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) conduct a public health assessment.

In response to your request, ATSDR reviewed the results of the Department of the Navy (DON) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) investigations of radiological objects found in the former Naval Station Treasure Island Residential Area. As a result of these investigations, DON and CDPH concluded that the radiological objects found in the former Naval Station Treasure Island Residential Area did not represent a health hazard. Nonetheless, the radioactive objects found have been removed from the former Naval Station Treasure Island Residential Area.

DON is continuing to conduct remedial investigations and removal actions at other location on the former Naval Station Treasure Island (e.g., Solid Waste Disposal Areas near the residential area). Additional buried radiological objects might be found during these investigations particularly in the Solid Waste Disposal Areas. Any additional radiological objects found are unlikely to represent a health hazard because they are likely similar in type to the objects that were found in the residential area and are buried even further underground. DON will remove any radiological objects when they are located.

ATSDR believes that DON and CDPH have thoroughly investigated the occurrence of radiological objects in the former Naval Station Treasure Island Residential Area. Further, ATSDR believes that DON and CDPH have used and will continue to use best practices to evaluate health risks associated with any radiological objects found at the former Naval Station Treasure Island and take appropriate actions to protect public health. Additional review of the data that DON and the CDPH have collected would not provide significantly more information about health risks at the site than is available in existing reports. Accordingly, ATSDR will not

conduct any public health activities regarding radiological objects found at the former Naval Station Treasure Island.

Thank you for raising your concerns and bringing them to our attention. If you have any questions about how ATSDR has evaluated your petition request, please contact Dr. Sven E. Rodenbeck by telephone at (770) 488-3660 or via email at Srodenbeck@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ileana Arias', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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